

ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
January 13, 2014

MEETING PARTICULARS

A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) was held in the Parish Center, starting at 7:00PM on Monday, January 13, 2014.

ATTENDANCE

Council Members Attending: Fr. Frank Latzko, Kate Lynch, Tom Micinski, Paolo Basil, Lina Hilko, Jessica Marx, Rebecca O'Brien, Justin Peters, Amir Rafizadeh, Mike Rice

Council Members Absent: John Assell, Addison Carpenter, Bert Olson, Tony Rivera

Others Attending:

MINUTES

Opening Prayer – Lina Hilko

Prayer based on Philippians 4:4-7 that begins “Rejoice in the Lord always....” This was chosen as a tie to tonight’s Pastoral Matters topic on the Pope’s Exhortation, “The Joy of the Gospel.”

Lina Hilko communicated that Fr. Frank has encouraged us to all share in the leadership of opening prayer. Lina passed around a sign-up sheet. The following will lead until summer:

- 2/10/2014 – Jessica Marx
- 3/10/2014 – Paolo Basil
- 4/14/2014 – Justin Peters
- 5/12/2014 – Tom Micinski
- 6/9/2014 – Amir Rafizadeh

Standing Reports

Finance Update – Justin Peters

Justin checked in with Bill Mack, and we are looking good with nothing particular to report.

Building & Facilities – Tom Micinski

- Renovation – Met with architect last week. Boards of plans will be posted soon for all parishioners to begin envisioning plans. Names of Building Committee and Renovation Committee members will be printed in bulletin starting next week. Next meeting of Renovation Committee is Feb 12th, and all PPC members are invited so we may begin to understand and help communicate to parishioners.
- Property Sale – Have received approval from Bishop Kane. Still need approval from “Collegiate Council” and Archdiocesan Finance Council (March 24th).
 - Developer still very interested and anxious to close deal
 - Slight glitch occurred that needed to be worked out. Original church had an alley behind it. When that church building was replaced, St. Teresa was given permission by the city to remove the alley and move it to “Lot 50.” Then, St. Teresa’s was also given permission to build on all of Lot 50 as long as the

building was charitable. The developer (non-charitable) must use part of the property under purchase consideration to build an alley. This would short the developer 11 feet. The developer came back to us with a new offer that leaves with St. Teresa's part of Lot 50, thus removing the requirement to build an alley. This technically also leaves with St. Teresa a responsibility for a small part of the demolition of structures on Lot 50. Accounting for all this, the developer's new offer is for about \$3million, rather than original \$3.2 million.

Social Justice – Amir Rafizadeh

We have decided to expand the Blood Drive into a “Health Ministry,” including the provision of some mental health training for parishioners to help us to better serve some of our Loaves & Fishes and Food Pantry guests. We also seek to incorporate First Aid and CPR training.

Pastoral Matters

PPC Organization – Lina Hilko

Lina provided a follow-up on topics discussed in our December meeting based on her meeting with Fr. Frank a week ago. In a nutshell:

- Fr. Frank is the leader of PPC.
- The PPC is an advisor to the Pastor on Pastoral Matters.
- Current areas of particular focus for this PPC are:
 - Greater engagement
 - Greater collaboration
 - Broadly-shared vision

Ministry Organization – Lina Hilko

Lina asked for updates from each Ministry Committee for estimated percentage done on ministry description and goal documents:

- Social Justice – Amir – 50% done; will be done by Feb meeting
- Events/Fundraising – Rebecca – 60% done; changed some formats a bit; views the exercise as a business planning tool
- Spirituality – Lina – 50% done; plan to be 100% in 2 weeks
- Buildings/Facilities – Tom – All descriptions are new but very nearly done; 100% by Feb
- Stewardship – Paolo – Done and reviewed by Anna Althoff; Fr. Frank suggested to Paolo that he contact Diocese to learn about or seek support on Stewardship, as they provide training and support services.
- Evangelization – Addison – absent from meeting
- Faith Formation – Kate – 75% done
- Liturgy – Fr. Frank – Haven't met with Anna yet for help; 0% done; Planning to create a Liturgy Committee with the help of the staff (like 7-8 parishioners)

Where should these documents go so they are centrally located and broadly accessible? Jessica Marx suggested that she could create a storage drive. Lina will coordinate with Jessica.

Fr. Frank would like for there to be a hand-out booklet with all this info, especially for new parishioners. The updated info must ultimately also be reflected on St. Teresa's web site.

What next? Lina suggested that a smaller group (e.g., Bert, Paolo, Addison, Anna, Kate, and Lina) meet to discuss ministry fair and recruiting concepts.

Budget planning: Faith Formation and Social Justice are done and sent to Erica. Liturgy and Building/Facilities are working through Erica. Fundraising is missing Spaghetti Dinner and Cuisine but should be completed by next week. Stewardship – Paolo will talk with Fr. Frank and Erica. Evangelization – no update.

Haiti Initiatives – Amir

- Zamni Lasante PARIS will use a “crowd funding” approach to raise \$20k, reaching out through both St. Teresa parishioners and non-parishioner supporters of ZLP.
- Also planning an art project, exhibit, and auction for additional fundraising. Working with a teacher of a public charter school to flesh out an idea. Will seek from St. Teresa \$300 to fund art supplies for art project.

Pope’s Exhortation – Fr. Frank

- Fr. Frank gave each PPC member a book of the Pope’s Exhortation “Joy of the Gospel.”
- Want PPC members to read it and provide him with feedback, with the possible goal of using the Exhortation during Lent; How do we bring this to the parish at large?
- PPC members agreed and set a meeting for Sunday, February 23rd, 1:15PM at church.

Year of Faith Planning – Fr. Frank

Fr. Frank led a discussion of “Year of Faith” activities to celebrate the 125th anniversary of this parish and the 500th anniversary of the birth of St. Teresa of Avila during 2014/15.

- PPC members agreed that we will from now on devote 7:00 to 7:30 exclusively to Year of Faith planning, and PPC business will then run 7:30 – 9:00 regularly.
- Tom Micinski volunteered to serve as Secretary for Year of Faith Planning
- Rebecca O’Brien volunteered to create a calendar of events
- See separate Minutes prepared by Tom Micinski for all Year of Faith Planning details.

ADJOURNMENT

The next PPC meeting will be February 10, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

The meeting ended at about 9:00PM.

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